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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Applicant request entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the
30 claims pending in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims: 2-5, 8 and 9.

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2. (Once Amended) The process of claim 1, in which the temperature in the
dense phase stripping zone is between about 500°C and about 600°C. *26113*

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3. (Once Amended) The process of claim 1, in which the weight ratio of spent
catalyst obtained in step (b) which is sent to step (c) and of spent catalyst obtained in step
(b) which is used in step (d) is between about 1:10 and about 10:1 *0.2-1.0*

4. (Once Amended) The process of claim 1, in which the weight ratio of spent
catalyst and regenerated catalyst in step (d) is between about 1:10 and about 10:1. *0.2-1.0*